

# 2012 Bond Program Proposition 17

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## Women and Children's Shelter

### Public Health and Human Services Committee

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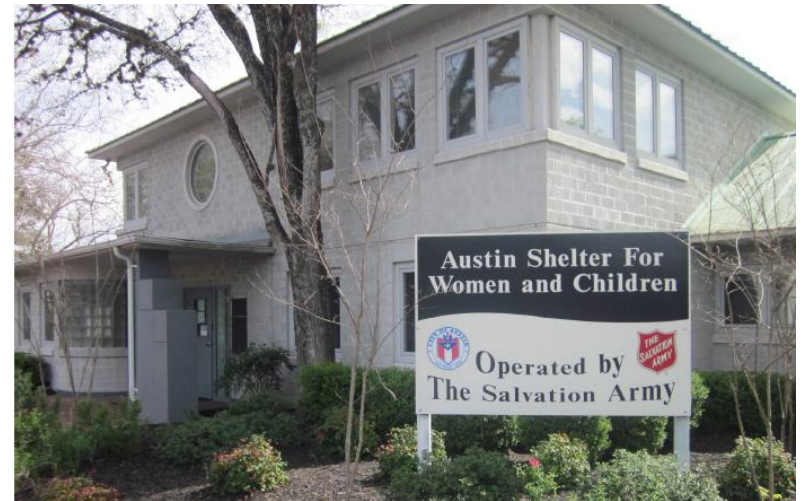
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# Introduction

- \$3.8 million in the 2012 Bond Program for expansion
- Facility assessment and conceptual design and planning
- Two scenarios – current bond funds and future expansions



# Location



Exhibit 1 - Aerial Photograph & Location Plan

# Program Background

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- City of Austin program operated by the Salvation Army
- Located on Travis County property leased to the City
- Excellent site to provide services to this particular segment of the homeless population
- Two critical goals for the 2012 Bond Program:
  - Addressing the most urgent repairs and safety upgrades
  - Increasing shelter's bed capacity



# Project Vision

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- The proposed expansion scenarios strive to offer:
  1. A safe place of respite for women and children
  2. A place of assistance for attaining and maintaining self-sufficiency
  3. A natural setting that fosters awareness, healing, and growth



# Current Progress

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- Assessment of the existing conditions of the site and the building by a multidisciplinary design team lead by McKinney York Architects
- Research to identify major space, site, code, and aesthetic requirements
- Probable construction cost assessment for the initial facility expansion
- Additional facility expansion proposal

# Existing Facility Assessment

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- The existing structure built in 1939
- Insufficient bed capacity
- Insufficient fire suppression system
- Lack of the health code approved kitchen ceiling
- Inaccessible TV and laundry common rooms
- Bus station access
- Roof maintenance
- Plumbing upgrade
- Very old trees with the short remaining lifecycle

# Proposed Scenarios

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- Two proposed scenarios seek to address the short-term and long-term challenges
- Scenario A - to address the most critical facility and expansion needs within the \$3.8 million of the 2012 Bond Budget
- Scenario B - a long-term vision for the shelter expansion on this site
- Each scenario strives to identify how best to use the whole site and available funds



# Proposed 2012 Bond Expansion – Scenario A

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## **1. Facility Renovation:**

- Added Fire Suppression System
- Dining room expansion
- Relocation of the inaccessible resident services (ADA compliant upgrade)
- Addition of a health code compliant kitchen ceiling

## **2. Site Improvement:**

- Site irrigation, drainage, and tree planting
- Accessible sidewalk with lighting to the bus stop (ADA compliant upgrade)

# Proposed 2012 Bond Expansion – Scenario A

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## **3. New Construction:**

- Increased bed capacity and flexible room arrangements
- Relocation of the childcare facilities to a separate structure on the site
- Addition of a gender specific bathroom for families with older boys (ADA compliant upgrade)
- Addition of a new fire hydrant
- Increased parking space

# Proposed 2012 Bond Expansion – Scenario A



# Potential Future Bond Expansion – Scenario B

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- Additional bed capacity
- Increased office space, dining, laundry, common living room, and entry space to support increased population
- Expanded childcare building, parking, fire-access drive, and other support functions
- Flexible space for use by outside service providers
- Increased development of the green spaces
- Identification of other development opportunities on the site that might serve the same or similar population

# Potential Future Bond Expansion – Scenario B





# Estimated Cost

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## ■ Scenario A

- Within budgeted \$3.8 million
- Net increase in beds over existing capacity:
  - 22 – 32 (depending on family organization)

## ■ Scenario B

- Estimated \$8 million in construction costs  
(+ \$4 million in “soft” costs)
- Net increase in beds over existing capacity:
  - 85 – 110 (depending on family organization)



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## Q & A

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